

APPENDIXVERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES THERETOIn the Claims:

Claims 1 through 3, 6, 7, 10 through 15, 17 and 19 have been amended as follows:

--1. (Once Amended) A safety shield suitable for protecting laboratory personnel from injury when working with animals, the shield being suitable for attachment to an animal restraining chair, the shield comprising: a rigid, planar member, and a supporting cross member, wherein the rigid, planar member is adapted for removable attachment to a supporting cross member of an animal, restraining the chair, wherein the shield is adjustable.--;

--2. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to claim 1, wherein the rigid, planar member is constructed ~~form~~ from a material selected from the group consisting of metal alloys, woods, polymeric compositions, or and combinations thereof.--;

--3. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to claim 2, wherein the supporting cross member, comprises a ~~vertical and~~ horizontal cross members of the chair.--;

--6. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to claim 5, wherein the notched support member comprises a plurality of aligned notches suitable for removably connecting the rigid, planar member to the supporting cross member of the chair.--;

--7. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to claim 6, further comprising locking means suitable for removably attaching ~~to~~ the notched support to the supporting cross member for maintaining the position of the shield planar member on the ~~cross member~~ chair.--;

--10. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to Claim 9, wherein a handle is attached to the shield planar member for adjustment and removal from the chair.--;

--11. (Once Amended) A safety shield, comprising: a) a vertically positioned, rigid, planar member having first and second surfaces, top and bottom sides, and left and right ends; b) at least one adjustable, notched supports attached to the second surface of the shield planar member for vertical adjustment thereof, the notched support adapted for receiving locking means, and wherein the notched support is adapted for removable attachment to a horizontally positioned supporting cross member of a restraint chair; c) a supporting cross member; d) clamping means, attached to a horizontally positioned supporting cross member of the chair, wherein the clamping means and proximally abutting abuts the notched support, the clamping means adapted for receiving locking means; and e) locking means suitable for connecting the notched supports and the clamping means so as to hold the shield planar member in a fixed position, wherein the safety shield is suitable for protecting laboratory personnel from injury when working with non-human primates.--;

--12. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to claim 11, wherein the rigid, planar member is fabricated from a material selected from the group consisting of metals, wood, polymeric compositions, or and combinations thereof.--;

--13. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to Claim 12, wherein the notched supports, comprise two vertically attached members positioned proximal close to the left and right ends of the shield planar member, each member having an equal number of aligned notches thereon adapted to removably fit attach onto the supporting cross member, wherein a hole through the notched support is proximally close to each notch, the hole suitable for accepting the locking means.--;

--14. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to Claim 13, wherein the clamping means, comprise two rectangular brackets attached to the supporting cross member, wherein each bracket has a hole therein that aligns with the holes of the notched supports, and wherein the brackets are positioned at a distance of about the width of the shield.--;

--15. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to Claim 14, wherein the locking means, comprise an elongated rod having first and second ends, wherein a handle is attached on the first end, and wherein the rod is suitable for removably positioning into the holes of the rectangular brackets and notched supports.--;

--17. (Once Amended) The safety shield according to Claim 16, wherein the vertical, rigid, planar member has a horizontal, rigid, planar member attached thereto, wherein the length of the horizontal planar member extends ~~from the left side to the right ends~~ the length of the vertical rigid, planar member, and the width of the horizontal planar member is proximal to the width of the notched supports.--; and

--19. (Once Amended) The shield according to Claim ~~18~~ 21, wherein a handle is attached to the first side thereof.--